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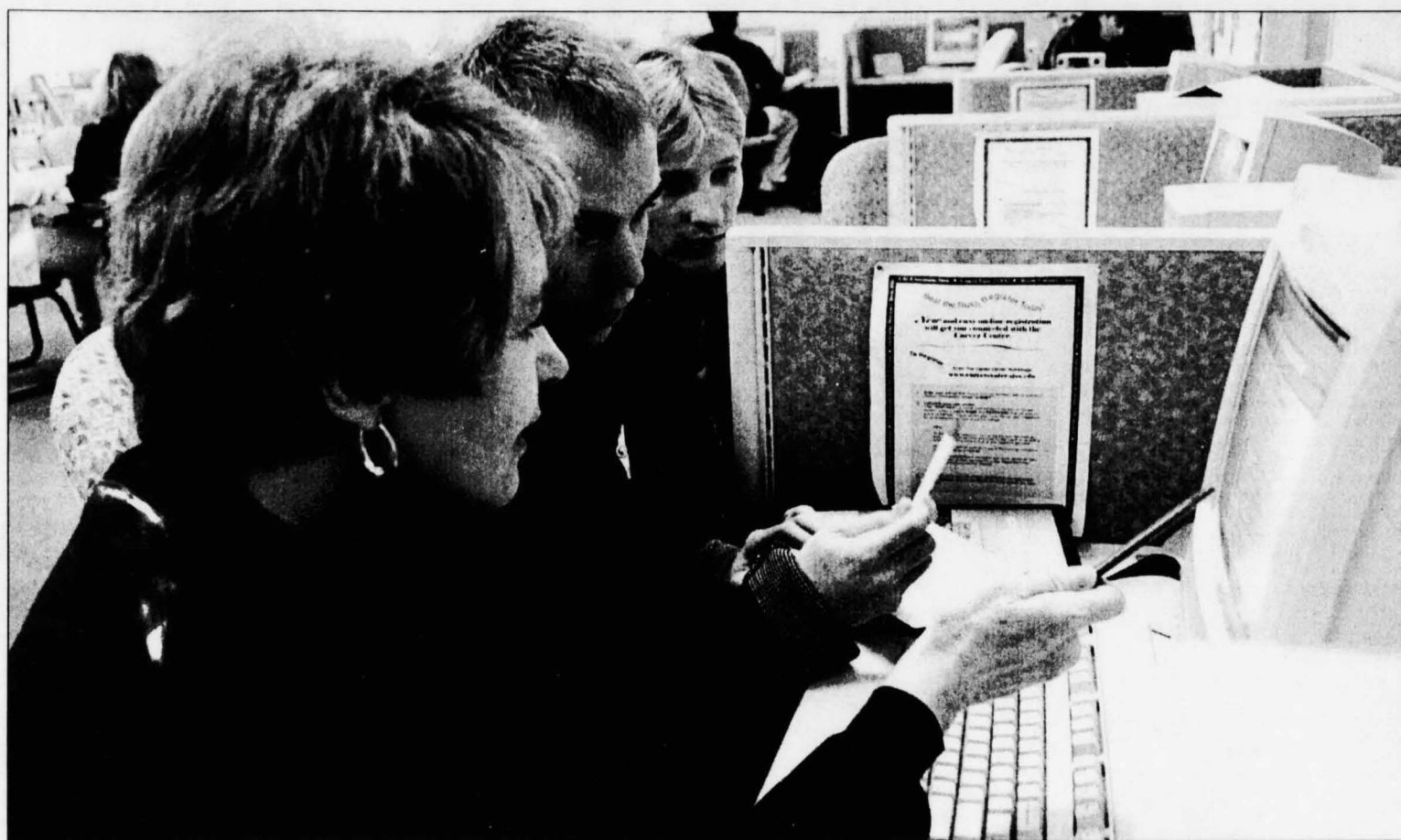
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Oliver Lavacot and Aleksander Tracgyk, juniors majoring in business, get instructions about posting résumés online from Margaret Wilkes, a career consultant, Tuesday at the Career Center. Wilkes helps students search for jobs by instructing them on how to use the Career Center's Web site and critiquing students' résumés.

Clarissa Aljentera  
DAILY STAFF EDITOR

The days of searching for jobs with a newspaper in the left hand and a red pen in the right could be on the brink of extinction.

For student job seekers today, there are other options available in addition to newspapers, such as the Internet, career fairs and San Jose State University's Career Center. The Career Center boasts job related-workshops, drop-in advisement and a job and internship bank that is partnered with JobTrak. JobTrak formed a partnership with the SJSU Career Center to help students find jobs and employers find workers, according to their Web site.

"JobTrak is one of the best places for SJSU students to find jobs," said Teresa Law, a SJSU alumna.

Johnny Zhong, a mechanical engineering student, used the Career Center last summer when he wanted to look for an internship.

The SJSU Career Center presents:

## THE GREAT JOB HUNT

"They were pretty helpful. I found an internship last year at an engineering firm," said Zhong, a senior. The Career Center isn't the only option

for those in search of a new job. Senior Bonnie Wong has used the Internet newspaper — for extensive job searches looking at company Web sites —

along with the Career Center.

"I would go to the web site of the company and look for open positions to fulfill my field," said Wong, an electrical engineering major. "Along with that, I would learn more about the company if I wanted to try and interview there."

Aside from job and internship search, the Career Center Web site also offers a résumé bank, in which students can keep up to 10 different résumés since most students have multiple interests according to Lina Melkonian, assistant director of the center.

"Electronic résumés are different than traditional ones," Melkonian said. Searches on electronic résumés are performed via keyword, and it could be loaded with jargon words that highlight attributes of a person.

"Searches can be done on names of languages or items related to a specific career or names of companies," said Melkonian.

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## More cash flow

### Multicultural center seeks fund offers

Marcus Fuller  
DAILY STAFF WRITER

Although it involves the environment, campus climate does not refer to humidity, temperature or any type of weather on campus.

Instead, the meaning of climate for San Jose State University in this context deals with the institutional learning environment — more specifically, those aspects of the learning atmosphere that accommodate or inhibit student's ability to grow personally and academically.

Mosaic, the multicultural center at SJSU, in collaboration with the Campus Climate Advisory Committee, is currently seeking proposals for funds supporting campus climate events for the 2000-2001 academic year, according to Raji Pannu, the director of Mosaic.

Ruey-Fong Jang said she really enjoyed an event that featured Mexican dancing last semester.

"I just walked by and I thought it was pretty good," Jang said. "The instruments they were playing, the music and the clothes were very interesting."

"I wish they would have more cultures like Vietnamese included because there are many (Vietnamese) students on campus," she said. The climate committee was formed in November 1995. Chosen from a broad group of students, staff, faculty and administration, the committee represents SJSU's diversified campus population, Pannu said.

Gabriel Reyes, the assistant to the president for campus climate, said the student population has drastically changed since he attended the university.

"There were very few minorities on campus when I was at San Jose State; now, there is no majority," Reyes said.

Because the population has become more diversified, it was crucial for the university to develop a program to give students a broad exposure the existing cultures on campus, according to Reyes said.

Freshman Maurice Hines said he is interested in many different cultures, especially his own.

"Definitely I'd like to see my culture (African-American)," Hines said. He said he also would like to see Latino and Filipino events on campus.

### MOSAIC quick hits

**What:** MOSAIC is the campus multicultural center, which strives to ensure a learning atmosphere that allows a student to grow personally and academically.

**Events:** The center has featured Mexican dancing, dedicated a week to Gay and Lesbian awareness and supported speakers on campus.

**Contact info:** The center has its own office on the third floor in the Student Union, and can be reached by phone at (408) 924-6255.

## Spring schedule on SJSU Web site

Michelle Jew  
DAILY STAFF WRITER

Admissions and Records is always busy at the beginning of the semester.

The excess of people gives it a warm, used smell, the smell of too many people packed in like herd animals, breathing in the same stale air tinged with perfume and boredom.

Students are impatient and irritable, complaining loudly to others nearby and into their cell phones about the long wait, while on a far wall a lone sign above the computers proclaims "In Line? Go Online."

Students could possibly save a trip to Admissions and Records by visiting the San Jose State University Spring 2000 schedule online at [www.info.sjsu.edu](http://www.info.sjsu.edu).

"The most important feature of the sight is that students can apply for services over the Web without having to fill out special paperwork at the office," said Dea Nelson, associate director for Student Outreach and Recruitment.

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Julie Hanhan, a freshman biology major, used the Web site to register for classes this semester and said she would; "definitely recommend it; it's so much easier."

Registering for the ELM/EPT, math and English placement

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Don Gage, chair of the Board of Supervisors of Santa Clara County, speaks at the State of the County address Thursday at the County Government Center Building. Gage's three main points were: "Be accountable, be responsive and make a difference."

Mari Matsumoto /  
Spartan Daily

## Gage stakes out plan for County

Donna Carmichael  
DAILY SENIOR STAFF WRITER

While President Bill Clinton addressed the nation with his State of the Union speech Thursday night, County Supervisor Donald F. Gage gave his State of the County address, which was anything but unfocused.

Gage, a County of Santa Clara supervisor elected in 1997, took over as chairman of the county's Board of Supervisors on Jan. 11.

The chairman is nominated for a one-year term, and the nomination rotates among the supervisors.

The speech centered on a three-pronged approach to serving the people of Santa Clara county.

"Be responsive, be accountable, make a difference," Gage said.

He said his focus would remain the same as it's always been: Cover the basics, plan for the future and cultivate good employees.

"My issues aren't always fancy or exciting, but they're consistent," he said.

The supervisor the crowd of about 400 family, friends, county employees and constituents, who packed into the board chambers of the County Government Center at 70 West Hedding.

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Do most Americans agree with Rocker?



"I don't think most Americans feel the way he does. I think his way of thinking is really ignorant and his comments are really sad."

Martha Zemedé  
electrical engineering



"I don't think that his comments reflect the belief of Americans who have been exposed to diverse groups."

Mike Bugliarello  
biology



"I think the majority of Americans have some sort of racism in them, but they hide it because the year 2000 calls for open-mindedness."

Sabrina Prior  
Senior  
physiology and Spanish



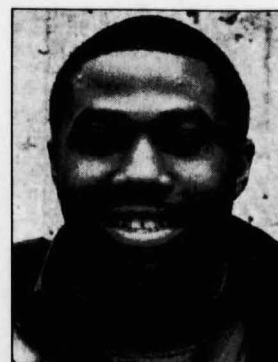
"I'd like to think our generation is more open than Rocker."

Amanda Schirmacher  
Junior  
hospitality management



"Absolutely not. Most Americans are open-minded."

David Ruiz  
Graduate Student  
Mexican American studies



"Most Americans are racist even if they don't admit it."

Johnny Johnson  
Sophomore  
communication

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# Forum

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## Proposition 22 encodes discrimination into California law

California voters have the chance to take a stand for what's right — not to mention restore my faith in them — when they join me in voting No on Proposition 22, the Protection of Marriage Initiative.

The proposition, if passed, would not protect the institution of marriage but label it exclusive to heterosexuals.

I don't know how the word protection got confused with discrimination, but we won't need to quibble over terminology if voters would just do what's right, and vote against this proposition.

Passing the proposition would mean that not only will gays continue to be denied access to marriage in this state, but same-sex marriages performed in other states will not be considered legal in California.

The proposition intends to stifle the rights of a large group of the American population by adding one simple sentence to the California Family Code.

"Only marriage between a man

and a woman is valid or recognized in California."

OK.

So, only the rights of heterosexuals are valid.

Only the government can recognize love.

Only voters can approve relationships.

In the Yes on Proposition 22 literature one of the main objectives is to send "a clear and positive message to California's children about the future of families: Marriage should be preserved for what it is: An irreplaceable union between a man and a woman."

Yes.

We need to teach California's children intolerance.

Teach them narrow-mindedness.

Teach them not to accept what is different from traditional establishments.

Teach them shame in homosexuality, not discrimination.

There are very few things in my past that I'm ashamed to admit. A few years ago, I resolved

the stupid mistakes I've made in the past were just that: mistakes. They do not define who I am today or the values I live by, as my personal ethics evolve with my experiences.

There are, however, stinging memories of my past that do make me feel ashamed when they emerge from their hiding places in my psyche.

When I was fifteen, my mom made me go to work in the video store she part-owned and managed.

The idea of a regular income — no matter how small — made the job worthwhile.

But the idea of working with Jeff on a regular basis horrified me.



**Margaret Bethel**

CONGENIALITY NOT INCLUDED

Jeff was the thirty-something homosexual my mom had hired the year before. They had become good friends. What they might have had in common to establish a friendship mystified me: He was gay, after all.

Jeff made my mom a batch of cookies for her birthday or Christmas or some such occasion that's irrelevant now. The instance that's stored in my mind and sometimes comes out to haunt me is how I reacted to his kindness to my mom.

I chastised her for actually eating the cookies.

I suggested she get an AIDS test immediately. I threw what was left of his token of friendship in the garbage to prevent the rest of my family from being contami-

nated by his homosexuality.

My stomach, as well as my heart, ache when I remember how ignorant, judgmental and cruel I was. Adolescence is no excuse for my behavior.

How I thought and acted can not be shrugged off as juvenile mistakes.

I can not resolve to rationalize this away. I can not bury it with forgotten, insignificant memories.

I can, however, thank my mom. Her plan — as I recognize it now — worked. She put up with my attitude toward homosexuals until I was old enough to get a worker's permit.

Rather than just objecting to my opinion of gays, which I'm sure she knew would only strengthen my convictions, she put me to work. I worked with Jeff on a regular basis, and thankfully, my bias against his orientation melted away.

My idea that it was OK to ridicule homosexuals turned into embarrassment over my stupidity and callousness.

Jeff was normal. He was no different than any other human being — with the possible exception he was kinder and more compassionate and more tolerant than most.

At very least, he deserved the same respect and acceptance that heterosexuals take for granted.

When I realized this during my fifteenth year, I discovered the unforgiving taste of shame, chased with guilt.

It is not my place, or the government's to decide, realize or discover that homosexuals have the same inalienable rights as everyone else. The rights are theirs, whether we decide so, or not.

To say we will only recognize the institution of marriage when it's between a man and a woman is depriving homosexuals of rights they are already guaranteed.

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"I don't think that his comments reflect the belief of Americans who have been exposed to diverse groups."

Mike Bugliarello  
biology



"I think the majority of Americans have some sort of racism in them, but they hide it because the year 2000 calls for open-mindedness."

Sabrina Prior  
Senior  
physiology and Spanish



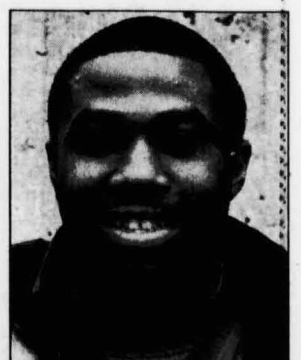
"I'd like to think our generation is more open than Rocker."

Amanda Schirmacher  
Junior  
hospitality management



"Absolutely not. Most Americans are open-minded."

David Ruiz  
Graduate Student  
Mexican American studies



"Most Americans are racist even if they don't admit it."

Johnny Johnson  
Sophomore  
communication

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# Forum

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## Proposition 22 encodes discrimination into California law

California voters have the chance to take a stand for what's right — not to mention restore my faith in them — when they join me in voting No on Proposition 22, the Protection of Marriage Initiative.

The proposition, if passed, would not protect the institution of marriage but label it exclusive to heterosexuals.

I don't know how the word protection got confused with discrimination, but we won't need to quibble over terminology if voters would just do what's right, and vote against this proposition.

Passing the proposition would mean that not only will gays continue to be denied access to marriage in this state, but same-sex marriages performed in other states will not be considered legal in California.

The proposition intends to stifle the rights of a large group of the American population by adding one simple sentence to the California Family Code.

"Only marriage between a man

and a woman is valid or recognized in California."

OK. So, only the rights of heterosexuals are valid.

Only the government can recognize love.

Only voters can approve relationships.

In the Yes on Proposition 22 literature one of the main objectives is to send "a clear and positive message to California's children about the future of families: Marriage should be preserved for what it is: An irreplaceable union between a man and a woman."

Yes. We need to teach California's children intolerance.

Teach them narrow-mindedness.

Teach them not to accept what is different from traditional establishments.

Teach them shame in homosexuality, not discrimination.

There are very few things in my past that I'm ashamed to admit. A few years ago, I resolved

the stupid mistakes I've made in the past were just that: mistakes. They do not define who I am today or the values I live by, as my personal ethics evolve with my experiences.

There are, however, stinging memories of my past that do make me feel ashamed when they emerge from their hiding places in my psyche.

When I was fifteen, my mom made me go to work in the video store she part-owned and managed.

The idea of a regular income — no matter how small — made the job worthwhile.

But the idea of working with Jeff on a regular basis horrified me.



**Margaret Bethel**  
CONGENIALITY NOT INCLUDED

Jeff was the thirty-something homosexual my mom had hired the year before. They had become good friends. What they might have had in common to establish a friendship mystified me: He was gay, after all.

Jeff made my mom a batch of cookies for her birthday

or Christmas or some such occasion that's irrelevant now. The instance that's stored in my mind and sometimes comes out to haunt me is how I reacted to his kindness to my mom.

I chastised her for actually eating the cookies.

I suggested she get an AIDS test immediately. I threw what was left of his token of friendship in the garbage to prevent the rest of my family from being contami-

nated by his homosexuality.

My stomach, as well as my heart, ache when I remember how ignorant, judgmental and cruel I was. Adolescence is no excuse for my behavior.

How I thought and acted can not be shrugged off as juvenile mistakes.

I can not resolve to rationalize this away. I can not bury it with forgotten, insignificant memories.

I can, however, thank my mom.

Her plan — as I recognize it now — worked. She put up with my attitude toward homosexuals until I was old enough to get a worker's permit.

Rather than just objecting to my opinion of gays, which I'm sure she knew would only strengthen my convictions, she put me to work. I worked with Jeff on a regular basis, and thankfully, my bias against his orientation melted away.

My idea that it was OK to ridicule homosexuals turned into embarrassment over my stupidity and callousness.

Jeff was normal. He was no different than any other human being — with the possible exception he was kinder and more compassionate and more tolerant than most.

At very least, he deserved the same respect and acceptance that heterosexuals take for granted.

When I realized this during my fifteenth year, I discovered the unforgiving taste of shame, chased with guilt.

It is not my place, or the government's to decide, realize or discover that homosexuals have the same inalienable rights as everyone else. The rights are theirs, whether we decide so, or not.

To say we will only recognize the institution of marriage when it's between a man and a woman is depriving homosexuals of rights they are already guaranteed.

Margaret Bethel is the *Spartan Daily* Co-Executive Editor. "Congeniality Not Included" appears Wednesdays.

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# Sports

## Waterproof

### Spartans open season with sweep

Erin Mayes  
DAILY STAFF WRITER

The sun was shining and the air was crisp when the women's water polo team won its first two games of the season Saturday at the Aquatic Center.

"I think we played as well as the weather," assistant coach Matt Anderson said.

The San Jose State University played Santa Clara University and UC Santa Cruz consecutively in a matter of two hours.

There were no first-day jitters for the Spartans as they trounced Santa Clara and Santa Cruz with scores of 16-2 and 18-2 respectively.

"We were very excited," said Jassamyn Grewal, who scored a total of five goals.

One came against the Banana Slugs of Santa Cruz in the Spartans' final match of the day. At the end of the third period,

Grewal netted a goal as the last few seconds on the clock expired. However, at that point the contest was trivial as the cohesiveness of the Spartan team resulted in a 12-1 lead.

"We just play well together," Grewal said.

Indeed they do. The differences between SJSU and the two other teams were apparent.

The Spartans made teamwork look like art, tossing the ball back and forth as they made their way toward the goal.

They faked out opposing goalies on almost every shot, ending each game as a rout.

"I think we had a lot of speed and communication," freshman Allison Kurvers said.

Kurvers scored two points in each game, with her last two in the fourth period against the Banana Slugs.

The Spartans scored seven goals in the second period against Santa Clara's Broncos, with sophomore Inna Fedoseyeva and Neva West each scoring two. Fedoseyeva scored three goals in each game. Her total in both matches of six led all of the day's scorers.

Senior Liz Garcia helped out, scoring two goals against Santa Cruz as well as one against Santa

Clara. Junior Cassie Rawdin scored a total of three goals, as did senior Dottie West.

The Spartans had a 10-1 lead over the Banana Slugs by half-time.

"I think our players are a little more experienced," coach Lou Tully said about his squad, which consists of eight juniors and three seniors.

The Spartans return to action Saturday when they host UC Davis at 11:00 a.m. in the Aquatic Center before traveling to UC San Diego for a tournament Feb. 11-13.

Tully said he sees the early competition as a tool for the Spartans to gear up for the season ahead.

"They're very good competitors for us," Tully said. "Those are the games that pretty much let you know where you're going."

#### Saturday's Scores

Santa Clara	2
Spartans	16
Santa Cruz	2
Spartans	18

Saturday: SJSU vs. UC Davis 11:00 a.m.



Kendall Mercer, a Spartan water polo player, grabs the ball before a visiting Santa Clara University player snatches it up. The Spartans won 16-2 Saturday at the Aquatic Center.

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## Push it ... push it real good



Lexey Swall / Spartan Daily

Diane Goldman, a first semester fitness instructor at San Jose State University, conducts a body toning class in the Event Center Tuesday. The fitness facilities at SJSU are open to students with a valid tower card. Staff members can also use the center when they pay a fee of \$4 per day, \$50 per semester or \$150 annually.

## Gymnasts take a fall in meets

### Staff Report

The San Jose State University gymnastics team returns home Friday looking for its first win of the young season.

The Spartans (0-2) lost their second match of the season Friday at the University of Arizona by 194.025 to 188.100.

Freshman Danielle Albright turned in a high scoring performance on the vault when she landed a 9.750, her best this season. Junior Tracy Cheshier also set a career high of 9.650 on the uneven bars.

The Spartans also dropped their first contest of the year at UC Davis.

In the Jan. 16 match, Albright also turned in a strong performance with a 9.7 on the vault and a 9.55 on the uneven bars. Albright and sophomore Tasya Talbot both had a 9.75 on the balance beam, and Talbot had a 9.775 on the floor exercise.

Albright was awarded the all-around title with a 38.350.

The Spartans host UC Davis at 7:30 on Feb. 4 in the Spartan Gym in Uchida Hall.

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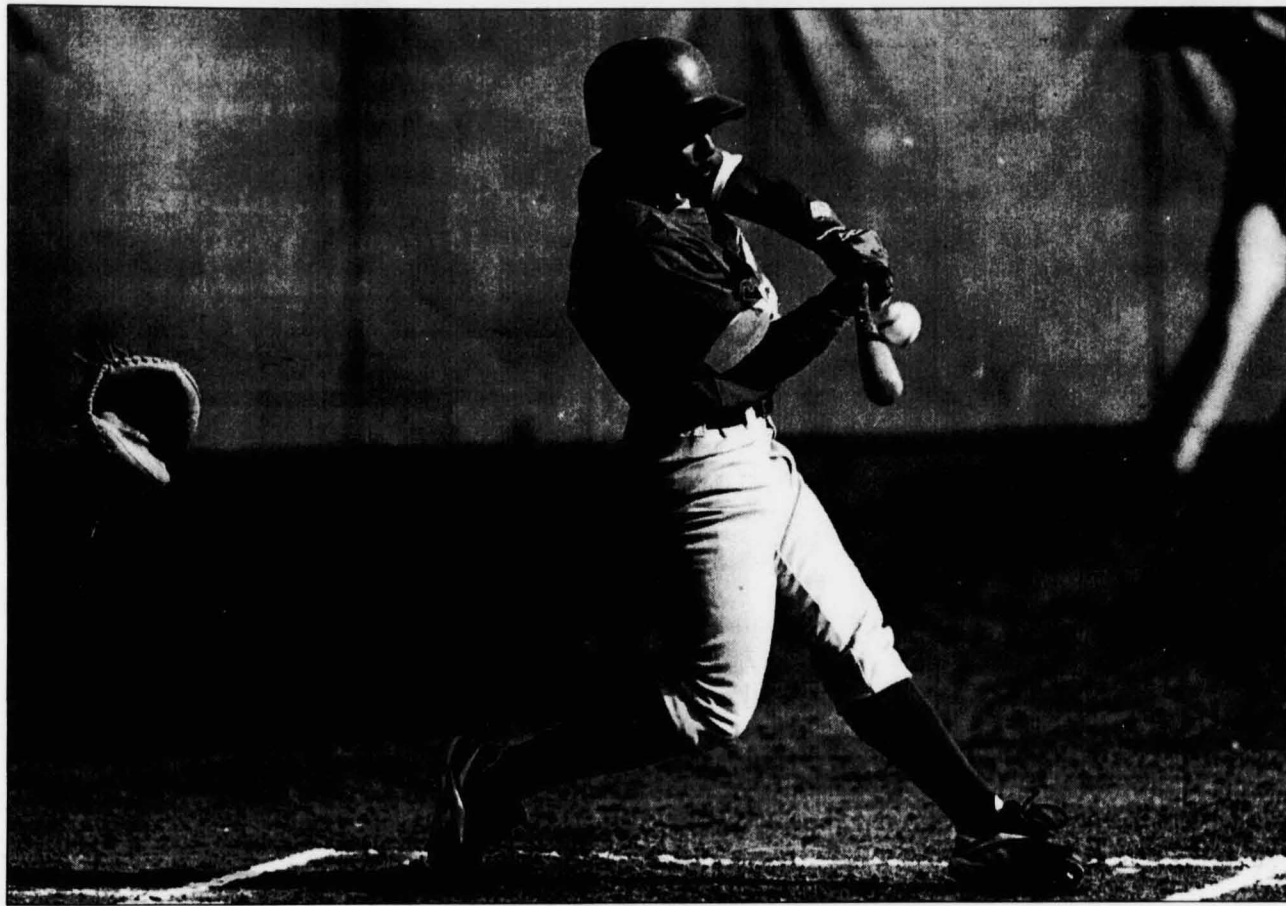
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# Sports

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## SJSU sailing without captains



Tony James, former Spartan baseball player, connects with the ball at the Alumni game Saturday at the Municipal Stadium. James, now

with the Boston Red Sox organization, and his fellow alumni lost to the current team 8-2.

### Spartans win despite losing two veterans

Franklin Leiva  
DAILY SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The Spartan baseball team notched a victory against its alumni but suffered an unfortunate loss in the form of an injury.

In the top of the second inning with two outs, San Jose State University outfielder Rob Douglass and third baseman Tony Tognetti collided with each other while chasing a foul ball down the left field line during Saturday's 8-2 exhibition game victory at Municipal Stadium.

Douglass was still injured as the Spartans opened their regular season Tuesday at Santa Clara University. Tognetti fared better as he was able to return to the Spartan lineup in SJSU's 4-1 victory.

Spartan infielder Brian Stream expressed concern after watching two of the team's senior captains on the ground after the collision.

"My heart just went down to my stomach," Stream said. "Two of our captains just ran into each other, and if they get hurt pretty bad, that's a real downer to our team."

The two players stayed down for several minutes as they were both being attended by team personnel at the side of the foul line. They both remained in the game but were taken out of the shortly after.

"You just had two guys going

full speed after a baseball," head coach Sam Piraro said. "It was an unfortunate collision, and you just hate to see this happen."

Douglass was x-rayed for a possible broken wrist and Tognetti complained of bruised ribs along with difficulty breathing.

"Douglass was in a lot of pain, and even if it's not a fracture and only a sprain, it could be weeks before he can return," Piraro said.

Saturday, before he was sidelined, Douglass put the 2000 squad in front with a bases loaded, three-run double in the bottom of the first inning. Douglass then scored on Adam Shorsher's single to make it 4-0.

That was all the Spartans would need as six of their pitchers held the alumni to two runs.

The 2000 squad scored three runs in next three innings and added one more in the six, thanks to a RBI groundout by Brandon Macchi.

Starting pitcher Steve Murphy was credited with the win, and alumni Mil Pompa got the loss.

One of the highlights of the game was seeing former Spartan pitching ace Vince LaCorte — who is now a member of the Anaheim Angels organization — working against his former teammates in the fourth inning.

"It feels great to come back and play against some of the guys who were with me last year," said LaCorte, who allowed two hits and an earned run. "It was a lot of fun to come out here and play a friendly game."

Despite the injuries to his players, coach Piraro remains confident of having a solid team entering the season's first week of play.

"We think that if we have some guys who have career years, we can contend in the WAC," Piraro said.



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## Sheriff protects the buried

KEMMERER, Wyo. (AP) — Sheriff's Detective Steve Rogers' beat consists of hundreds of miles of remote, frozen terrain.

From his patrol plane high above it's hard to spot any danger to him, let alone the public.

But Rogers has received death threats at his unlisted home telephone number and seen a "wanted" poster of him, offering \$40,000 for his capture. One day, he found his two housecats on the front porch, their necks broken.

"I guess I'm too dumb to be scared off," Rogers said.

This isn't the dirty work of drug dealers or mob goons. On Rogers' beat, it's fossil thieves.

Hidden by the vastness of the West, thieves plunder the ground of fossils valued by scientists for their portraits of prehistoric times. Police say fossils are sold worldwide on a burgeoning black market. Commercial fossil dealers contend police exaggerate the problem and argue more public land should be open for digging. Since the 1980s, commercial and scientific

groups have clashed over how to manage fossils on public land. Moves in Congress to open up the land to commercial interests have stalled, as have efforts by scientists to protect fossils more extensively.

As a pilot and investigator for the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department, Rogers flies over an arid expanse of small towns and brush-dotted plains where, 50 million years ago, tropical and sub-tropical plants and animals thrived along two freshwater lakes.

If he sees suspects below, Rogers contacts officers in four-wheel drives for backup. Rogers flies over the area whenever he can, between several times a week or once a month, depending on weather and tips from informants.

When he is on the ground, he does a little bit of everything, including handling drug cases and car thefts.

The Green River Formation, as Rogers' beat is known, draws worldwide interest from scientists and commercial dealers because of its abundant, well-preserved marine specimens.

als to the center emphasizes the need for diversity and multiculturalism.

The application says the main goal of a campus climate event is to bring together diverse communities and to advance the university's campus climate environment.

SJSU President Robert L. Caret spoke of these goals in his inaugural address on October 6, 1995.

"We will develop living and learning environments that applaud the diversity we reflect and build unity from that heterogeneity," Caret said. "We are a campus that is a model for the nation in its diversity with no majority population, but in contrast, with hundreds of populations living, working and growing together. We must continue to serve as that model."

## Careers

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In addition to sending résumés, students can also post them on the Web.

Students should be picky where they send them, Melkonian suggested.

"They (students) should choose judiciously where to post. For example, most people who contact SJSU are interested with students," Melkonian said.

Places to send or post résumés, as well as searching for jobs shouldn't just be limited to online or newspaper classifieds, Melkonian said.

"Students today need to communicate both ways. For some careers, online is better, but the trend seems to be paperless," Melkonian said.

"It is not just about posting, but sending via e-mail, you can up your chances of being able to transmit to employers in that industry," she said.

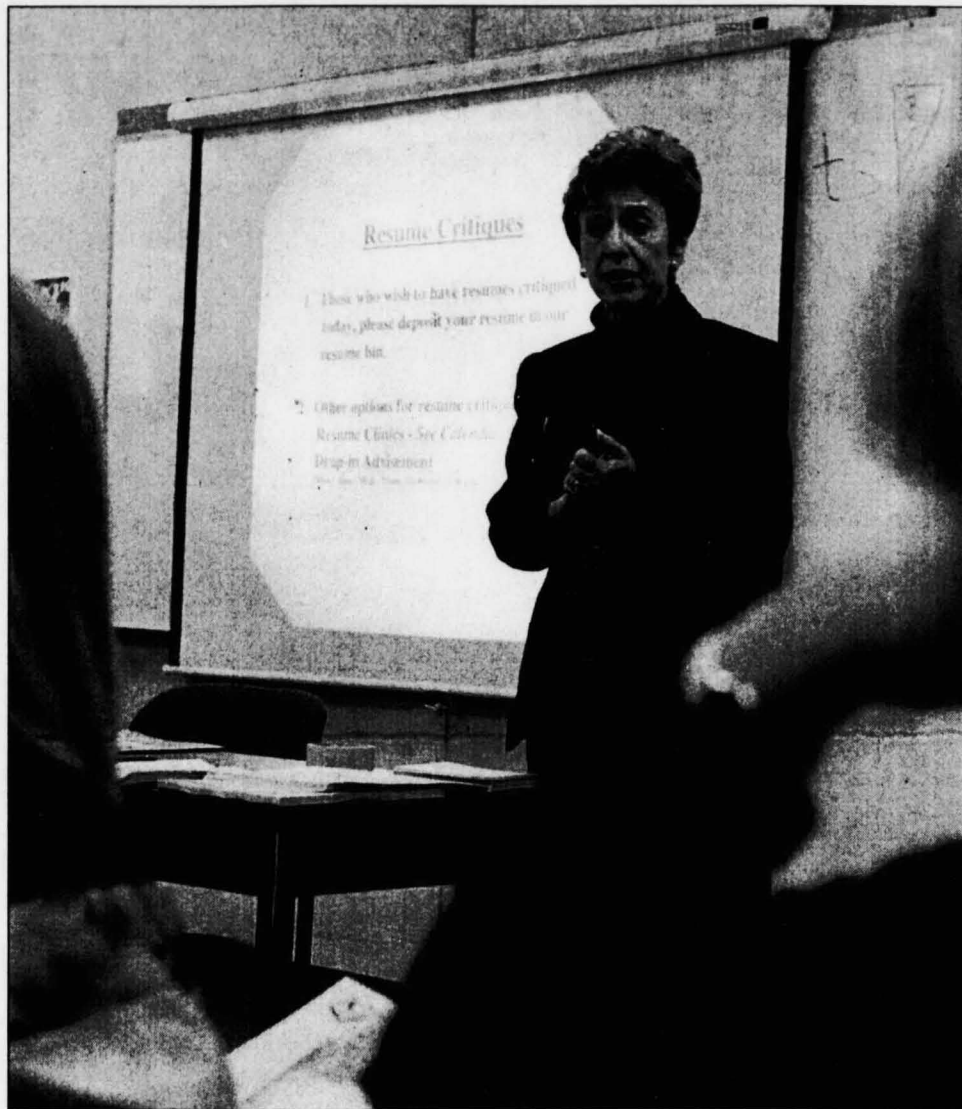
With certain employers only posting on the Internet and others only posting via newspaper, the classified section could be considered old-fashioned, Law said.

"Newspapers are the way of the past, primarily because it is very expensive to place an ad. Larger companies will post listings on their Web sites," said Law who instructs a careers and lifestyles class at Mission College.

"Online is great because it is 24/7, and print you sort of have to wait and it is obsolete quickly," Law said.

Even though there are many options for employees and employers, they shouldn't rule out networking.

"Tell your neighbors, friends, family and stop by the Career Center," Law said. "People get jobs through networking and people like to refer someone they know. It's all about who you know."



Rika Manabe / Spartan Daily

Irene Peck, an on-campus recruitment coordinator, gives a speech during an on-campus recruiting workshop Tuesday at the Career Center. The

workshop was held for graduating students majoring in engineering, computer science and management information systems.

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Luz Barajas, a junior, said that she would attend any cultural event if she had the time.

The program was given \$10,000 of the university's budget to support speakers, symposiums, colloquiums or events that increase the knowledge of the University's community on race relations and diversity, Mosaic said.

SJSU has been very supportive of numerous minority events that included a lecture on racial climate in the '50s and '60s, by former Spartan track runners, like Tommie Smith.

Mosaic also had a week dedicated to gay and lesbian awareness. The application for propos-

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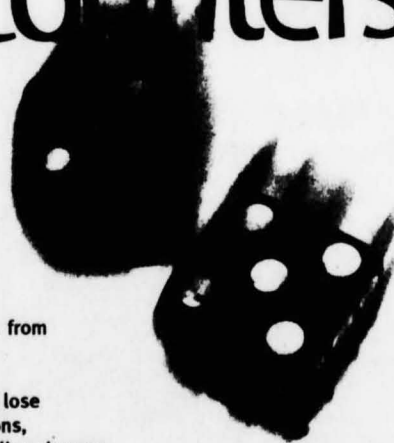
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Graduating students need not fill out petitions at the Admissions and Records office — instead they can visit [www.csu-mentor.edu](http://www.csu-mentor.edu) and submit the application online at their convenience.

Senior Raelen Gallegos, an administration of justice major, said she would use the Web site to register for classes if she had a computer, but that she'd probably use the computers in Clark Library to apply for her graduation this May.

Along with regularly updated police service, parking situation reports and an accurate calendar of information and events with a guide for academic advising, the site also provides information on summer, winter, open university, special sessions and online education.

For more information, the Admissions and Records office has brochures and flyers posted in the entry near the carts of forms.

If utilized, the Web site could cut down on the traffic through Admissions and Records, saving students time and energy, Nelson said. Of course you can always do things the old fashioned way and stand in line, fighting for breath in a stuffy room, or you could register online in your pajamas — your choice.

## New breast cancer study out

CHICAGO (AP) — Young women with breast cancer associated with two genetic mutations may live years longer by having their healthy breast and their ovaries removed, a study found.

The study was an analysis of women with gene mutations known as BRCA1 and BRCA2, which were identified a few years ago and are known to raise the risk of breast cancer so much that some women with the flaws have had their breast and ovaries removed before any sign of disease.

The study, led by Dr. Deborah Schrag and published in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association, is based on a statistical analysis rather than on real patients, and looks at women in early stages of breast cancer.

It does not advocate surgery. It notes that some women may be more concerned with sexual and reproductive function and self-image than with gaining a few years in life expectancy.

"For others, taking maximum steps to reduce the risk of a terrify-

ing outcome such as ovarian cancer may result in a psychological benefit that outweighs even a very small survival benefit," the researchers wrote.

The findings are designed to ease the decisions faced by women who carry the mutations.

Between 5 percent and 10 percent of the estimated 175,000 cases of breast cancer diagnosed annually are linked to the mutations, according to the American Cancer Society. Many women don't discover they carry the mutations until they have been diagnosed with breast cancer. Dr. Lynn Hartmann, a cancer specialist at the Mayo Clinic, said there is very little hard data on the benefits of preventive surgery for such women.

Because women who carry the mutations have a high risk of developing breast and ovarian cancer, some healthy women have chosen to have their breasts or ovaries removed just in case. Ovary removal may help guard against breast cancer because it curbs production of estrogen, which encourages tumor growth.

## Coloring on bumpy ground



Mari Matsumoto / Spartan Daily

Senior Olivia Deguzman (left), and junior Lisa Delao collect the texture of the ground with black crayon and newspaper paper as part of their Multicultural Arts for Children class. The class meets

from 8 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday in the Art Building. The class' assignment was to go out and collect a variety of textures around the San Jose State University Art Building.



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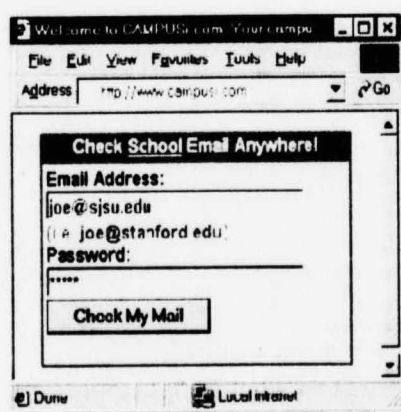
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## GUIDE

### Today

#### Chicano Commencement

Weekly meeting at 7 p.m. every Wednesday in the Student Union Almaden room. For more information, call Celeste at 259-5630 or Alejandra at 971-7942.

#### Associated Students SJSU

A.S. 55 nomination forms are now available in the A.S. Government Office, located on the third floor of the Student Union. Deadline to turn in nominations is March 10. For more information, call Maria Murphy at 924-6240.

#### Associated Students SJSU

A.S. scholarship applications are now available in the A.S. Government Office, located on the third floor of the Student Union or in the Financial Aid office. Deadline is March 15. For more information, call Maria Murphy at 924-6240.

#### M.E.Ch.A.

Weekly meeting at 3 p.m. every Wednesday in the Chicano Resource Center. For more information, page Miguella Rodriguez at 383-6475.

#### Pi Alpha Phi Fraternity

Basketball and barbecue night at

7 p.m. in front of the Student Union. For more information, call Carl (510) 917-6796.

#### Alpha Kappa Delta Phi

Bowling and ice cream at 7 p.m. Meet by the Seventh Street Plaza fountain. For more information, call Linda at 924-8363.

#### Asian American Christian Fellowship

Welcome day at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Union, Pacifica room. For more information, call Eli at (510) 770-1903.

#### Library Donations and Book Sales

Ongoing book sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the 4th floor of Clark Library, Room 408. For more information, call the Acquisitions department at 924-2705.

#### A.S. Election Board

Candidate applications are currently available in the A.S. Government Office. For more information, call Claire Hargreaves at 924-5955.

#### Vietnamese Student Association

Vietnamese New Year preview from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in front

of the Student Life Center. For more information, call Thien at 322-6093.

#### Re-entry Advisory Program (REAP)

Brown bag lunch — welcome to SJSU and Y2K party from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union, Pacheco Room. For more information, call Jane Boyd at 924-5950.

### Thursday

#### Eating Disorder Support Group

Sponsored by SJSU Counseling Services and the SJSU Student Health Center from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. every Thursday in the Administration building, Room 222. For more information, call Nancy Black at 924-6118.

#### Hillel Silicon Valley

Hebrew and must-see television night at 7 p.m. at the Hillel House. For more information, call Arlene Miller at 286-6669.

#### Alpha Kappa Delta Phi

Exchange with the brothers of Pi Alpha Phi at 7 p.m. Meet by the Seventh Street Plaza fountain. For more information, call Lindsay at 924-8363.

#### Pi Alpha Phi Fraternity

Exchange with the sisters of Kappa Delta Phi at 7 p.m. Meet in front of the Student Union. For more information, call Carl (510) 917-6796.

#### Vietnamese Student Association

First semester meeting from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Student Union, Almaden room. For more information, call Thien at 322-6093.

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#### Delta Sigma Pi Business Fraternity for Men and Women

Meet the chapter, get to know Delta Sigma Pi at 7 p.m. in the Student Union, Costanoan room. For more information, call Lan

Hoang at 389-6199.

#### The San Jose State University Film Club

Film presentation: Alfred Hitchcock's "Vertigo" at 9 p.m. in Sweeney Hall, Room 100. For more information, contact anemia\_sjsu@hotmail.com.

### Friday

#### A.S. Election Board

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#### Hillel Silicon Valley

Bioethics Shabbat at 7 p.m. in the Hillel House. For more information, call Arlene Miller at 286-6669.

#### Pi Alpha Phi Fraternity

Get together and barbecue at 7 p.m. Meet in front of the Student Union. For more information, call Carl at (510) 917-6796.

### Saturday

#### Pi Alpha Phi Fraternity

House party at 9 p.m. at 567 South Eighth St. For more information, call Carl (510) 917-6796.

### Sunday

#### Resident Advisers

Service learning fair from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Dining Commons. For more information, call Joy at 924-8141.

#### Hillel Silicon Valley

Super Sunday at 9 a.m. at the San Jose Federation. For more information, call Arlene Miller at 286-6669.

#### Hillel Silicon Valley

Miriam's group goes to Triton at 12:30 p.m. Meet at the Hillel house for car pooling. For more information, call Arlene Miller at 286-6669.

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Gage

## State of the County excerpts

### Serving Santa Clara County:

*"Be responsive, be accountable, make a difference."*

### On his platform style:

*"My issues aren't always fancy or exciting, but they're consistent."*

### Closing remark:

*"Remember the good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow. Do good anyway."*

## Speech

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delivered the State of the County speech in his signature style, managing to stay within the allotted time, something he said would be a challenge.

After the speech, which ran about an hour, Marylou Fitzpatrick, a senior management analyst in the County Executive's Office, said Gage really demonstrated his closeness to the people.

"And he managed to stay on time," Fitzpatrick said.

Gage illustrated his management philosophy with personal accounts showing how his approach is making a palpable difference in the lives of county residents.

After each story about county employees answering the need of Santa Clara county residents, Gage had the subjects of those accounts stand up and be recognized to warm applause.

In a moving tribute, Gage praised employees of the Valley Medical Center for rallying behind Ranjana Kulkarni, a Cupertino mother of two who was paralyzed from the neck down in 1998.

Kulkarni needed a special, mouth-operated wheelchair that cost \$3,470 in order to leave the hospital for a nursing home.

"When Medi-Cal refused to pay for the wheelchair, the employees at VMC did what many county employees do every day: They

stretched further, they gave more and together collected the \$3,470 to help purchase the wheelchair," Gage said.

Gage said one consequence of relaying such stories is that his phone would ring off the hook the next day.

"Employees will call, saying: 'If you think that was something, you should hear about what we did in our department,'" he said.

Gage lavishly thanked his family, co-workers and fellow supervisors Blanca Alvarado, Joe Simitian and Jim Beall.

Jamie McLeod, director of the International Rescue Committee — a refugee resettlement and immigration service — just back from a stint in Bosnia and Kosovo, said it is great to work in a county with so much involvement.

"I'm not sure if Santa Clara county's government works as well as it does because of Silicon Valley or in spite of it," McLeod said.

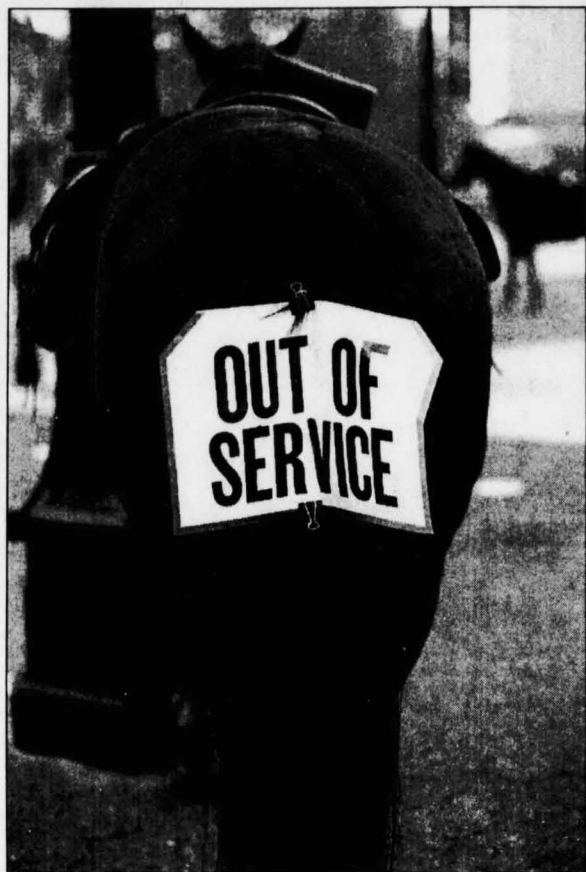
Gage wrapped up his State of the County address on a humble note.

"Remember the good you do today people will often forget tomorrow. Do good anyway," he said.

Former county supervisor Sig Sanchez said Gage wouldn't shake things up in the county — even with his proposed widening of Highway 101. Gage promised to bring light rail to all areas of the county, provide more trains to commuters and add two more lanes to Highway 101.

"The rest of the state looks up to this county, and Don (Gage) will keep it that way," Sanchez said.

## No exit



Karla Gachet / Spartan Daily

A San Jose Police Department horse stands in front of the San Jose Repertory Theatre with what could be a serious dilemma. Either the horse is unable to carry a police officer, or, well, it can't perform a certain bodily function. Unfortunately, the horse declined to comment.

## Flight recorders could explain Monday's jet crash

OXNARD (AP) — Investigators, trying to learn what sent an Alaska Airlines jet with 88 people into the Pacific Ocean, recovered four bodies and heard pinging underwater, apparently from the aircraft's flight recorders.

Information from the so-called "black boxes" could provide key clues to the Monday crash of the MD-83 jetliner about 10 miles off the Southern California coast.

Flight 261 from Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, to San Francisco and Seattle hit the water 40 miles northwest of Los Angeles International Airport at 4:36 p.m. Monday in what a witness

described as a nose dive. The weather was clear at the time.

The position of the pinging was pinpointed by a U.S. Navy underwater demolition team that joined in the search effort last night, said Coast Guard Adm. Tom Collins.

"This is a prime lead and a prime finding that will be followed," Collins told a news conference today.

Coast Guard ships, Navy vessels and aircraft combed the area today for debris that could help explain what caused the MD-83 jetliner to crash. Before daylight, a 10-member team from the National Transportation Safety

Board in Washington arrived at the scene to take over the investigation.

No survivors had been found. Four bodies — one adult male, two adult females and an infant — had been pulled from the choppy water along with a dozen boxes of debris. The search for survivors would continue, but the cold, 58-degree water made it a race against time, Collins said.

"This is still a search for human life," Collins said during a news conference. "... The challenge is time; as time ticks off, risks go up."

Near the breakwater at the entrance of Port Hueneme, where

the search effort was based, a local artist known only as Dave erected a seven-foot wooden cross festooned with flowers. A white plastic angel sat at the base with a candle blowing in a jar.

Some local residents walking the beach stopped and bowed their heads in prayer. From the site they could see search aircraft patrolling offshore above the crash area.

"They just stand for a while with their own thoughts. It's tragic," said Neal Silverman, 47, a new homeowner who moved into his beach house just a week ago.

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